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REAL FIGHT TO FINISH IS STARTED

BROTHERHOOD LEADERS ARE HANDS OFF—STRIKE LEADERS AND RAILWAY EXECUTIVES REFUSE TO GIVE GROUND.

New York, Aug. 26.—The rail strike developed into a fight to the finish when peace negotiations were blown sky high yesterday.

Heads of the big five railroad brotherhoods, acting as mediators between executives and striking shopmen in a final effort to effect separate settlement with individual roads after the Association of Railway Executives as a whole had rejected the running trades' first peace overtures, reported to the representatives of seventy-seven roads at the Yale Club this morning that the shop crafts had turned down a proposition made to them yesterday by the carriers. The negotiations then were sharply broken off and executives, strike leaders and brotherhood chiefs packed up their bags and began leaving town prepared for a test of endurance.

Before he departed for his headquarters in Chicago, Bert M. Jewell, official spokesman for the strikers, asserted that he believed the executives who had lingered for the parley on individual settlements soon would be enabled to bring home to their hard-shelled colleagues the railroad situation in its grim reality.

"We shall be content to let the condition of equipment prove that the railroads cannot operate with unskilled strikebreakers," declared Mr. Jewell, adding later that "we can and we will fight for our terms and for a nation-wide settlement."

Labor leaders then dispatched telegrams to all parts of the country calling upon strikers to renew the struggle with redoubled vigor.

The latest peace proposal, centering as was the case with all the others, on the question of seniority, briefly was that roads interested in individual settlements would pledge themselves to find employment for all strikers not convicted of acts of violence; would not curtail pension rights "or other privileges" and would agree to submit to a commission of ten brotherhood leaders and executives all disputes which could not be settled by direct conference.

The strikers who have maintained that they had not authorized the big five to suggest individual settlements rejected this proposal with the explanation that it did not guarantee seniority to the men who might return on one-third of the country's roads and at the same time would destroy the effectiveness of the strike being carried on the other two-thirds.

Then, from the mediating brotherhoods, came the statement that they reluctantly notified all concerned that they considered further peace efforts futile and had nothing more to suggest.

ANOTHER TEACHER

Miss Alpha Bolt of Laurens, a Winthrop graduate, who has taught in the Clinton high school the past two years, has accepted a position in the Abbeville high school for next session.

SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS

Prof. Peele of the University of South Carolina is in Abbeville conducting a training class in the Methodist Church for the Sunday School teachers. Prof. Peele is a brother of Rev. C. E. Peele and is visiting him at the Methodist parsonage.

Small Blaze at Coca-Cola Plant.

The fire alarm sounded Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. The Abbeville Bottling Works has a blaze start on the roof, which was quickly put out without any amount of damage.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF FUEL WILL GO

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION TO DISBAND—CONGRESS MAY CREATE COMMISSION TO HANDLE THE MATTER.—PRODUCTION INCREASES.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The volunteer federal fuel distribution organization will cease to function next week, it was indicated tonight by coal committee officials increased bituminous coal production it was said, will make use of the super-priority system of fuel distribution unnecessary after next Monday.

With the discontinuance of this method or emergency coal handling fuel movement will be left to the regular priority classification of the Interstate Commerce Commission pending the enactment of legislation by Congress to meet the fuel supply situation. Federal Fuel Distributor Spencer, it is believed, will retain a skeleton organization for a time to provide a nucleus to build up any distribution agency which may be created by Congress but the advisory committee of coal operators, of which C. E. Bockus, of New York, is chairman and the district committees, which have represented the federal coal committee in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Virginia will be disbanded in the course of the week.

The effect of a sharply increased coal production from fields recently reopened, according to committee officials, is manifested in the decreasing number of applications for emergency coal received by Mr. Spencer. While at the beginning of the week, officials declared applications were received in great numbers, with the reopening of various coal fields, many of these applications have been returned with the advice that the applicant's fuel requirements can no doubt best be taken care of in their States.

The major fuel distribution problem now before the central committee officials asserted, was the question of real supply for the Northwest and a definite program for facilitating the movement of the required tonnage to that section. It was indicated, probably will be relied upon pending legislation.

WILL NEGOTIATE WITH GOVERNMENT

Pennsylvania Senator Thinks Seizure of Mines May Be Avoided. Talks With Hoover.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—The United Mine Workers are ready to negotiate a satisfactory wage agreement with government representatives should the federal government take over the anthracite mines in case no agreement is reached with the operators, John L. Lewis, president of the union, said tonight in a statement relative to the possibility of such action by congress.

Following a telephone conversation with Secretary Hoover, Senator Tepper held out hope that the dispute could be settled amicably without governmental seizure. While the senator declined a definite forecast, as he had not conferred with the operators as he had with the miners' representatives yesterday, he said he could see no insurmountable obstacle to an amicable agreement.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who came to Pennsylvania yesterday from Canada, left with Mrs. Gompers for Washington today. He declined to comment upon the situation, stating that the labor end of the dispute was in the hands of Mr. Lewis.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN CLOSED SATURDAY

COUNTY CANDIDATES SPOKE IN OPERA HOUSE TO SMALL AUDIENCE.—W. A. STEVENSON INTRODUCED SPEAKERS. CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE SPOKE FIRST FOLLOWED BY CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER.

The candidates for the county offices spoke in the Opera House Saturday morning. About 300 people were present of which about 75 were women. The meeting was called to order by W. A. Stevenson who introduced the speakers. Candidates for the House of Representatives spoke first.

Thomas A. Putnam said that he was glad to see so many ladies present because they stand for law and order which in turn stands for a great state. He gave a history of his last term in the legislature and declared that he always had voted for the people. He is in favor of maintaining good roads. He thinks cotton mills are a good source of revenue and gives Anderson and Greenville counties as examples. "I am in favor of good schools but the state colleges do not give a man a square deal," he declared.

M. J. Ashley, candidate for the house spoke next. He asserts that he is proud of the fact that he has been a representative from Abbeville. He is strongly in favor of a luxury tax and a tax on hydro-electric plants as a means of reducing the tax on farmers. Ashley stands for a cut in appropriations of institutions of higher learning if a cut is to be made. He said "as a farmer, I am qualified to represent the farmers."

W. L. Brownlee was third candidate for the house to speak. Mr. Brownlee said he had two reasons for running for the office. The first was that he believed he was qualified and the other one was that he wanted the honor in the position. He resents the fact that South Carolina's stand in illiteracy does not do justice to her white men. He declared himself against useless offices being created by the general assembly and for a luxury tax. He joined in greeting the ladies present.

The next speaker for the House was A. R. Erwin. He said that while he was at Carolina he spent a lot of his time at the general assembly and became acquainted with its workings. He believes in compulsory education to the age of 16. He said "I believe in reducing taxes but not enough to paralyze the government."

Wallace Harris, the next speaker said he was born and raised here in Abbeville. He maintains that a person should get a common school education at least. Is for maintaining good roads and pensioning old soldiers. He declares that the state system of taxation is defective and that he will look to the interests of Abbeville if elected.

R. H. McAdams, the last speaker for the house said that while in the

legislature he worked hard to start the system of standard text books in the state. He declares there is no necessity for a tax to maintain the good roads as we already have the machinery. He thinks the U. S. government has thrown away the money from taxes, and "now we are busted and disgusted. Even the sky above us is blue." He declared that women mean clean and better government.

Mr. J. Howard Moore has no opposition for the senate but he is making the campaign anyway. He believes in helping state institutions when they need help. He declares that this is not the time to spend money for good roads.

Next were the candidates for Treasurer. Mr. R. B. Cheatham was first speaker. He paid a tribute to the women and showed that he had not been loafing while in office. Mrs. Mary Douglass Evans, the only woman candidate in the race based her claim on the fact that she had been clerk to the Supervisor and was familiar with the work in the different offices in the Court House. Frank B. Jones gave a short talk, declaring that he would make a better treasurer than speaker.

Richard Sondley, present auditor, being in his home town kindly gave up his time to his three opponents. Ben Evans spoke first. He said he was against all peanut politicians. He served in the army under Gen. Joe Wheeler. Then came Kay Carlisle who said he was a farmer and a Clemson man. Last among the candidates for auditor was Roy Power, who has been bookkeeper in town for years. He recommended himself by that fact, and thought he could put real Power in the office.

W. D. Wilkinson, candidate for Judge of Probate told the women how to vote. He said he was an Abbeville County boy, his mother was an Abbeville County woman, his father was an Abbeville County man and he was born in the Abbeville County jail.

Jones F. Miller, running for reelection to the office of Judge of Probate said he had been in office for fifteen years and had given perfect satisfaction in all his dealings.

R. S. McComb, candidate for the office of Magistrate showed that he makes no fortune out of his office. On account of the lateness of the hour Mansfield Hollingsworth, candidate for Magistrate, excused himself from speaking.

Mr. Stevenson closed the meeting with appropriate remarks about the attention accorded each candidate, and thanked the people of Abbeville for it.

FORMER KAISER TO WED

Betrothed to Widow of German Aristocrat.

London, Aug. 26.—Former Emperor William is betrothed to the widow of a German aristocrat, according to a report received by the Times. The woman is said to be almost of royal rank, and the mother of three children. She and the children recently visited the former emperor at Doorn, Holland. It is said the marriage will take place during the coming winter.

The report adds that this is not the woman to whom the one-time emperor was reported some time ago to be betrothed.

TONSIL OPERATION.

Little Miss Josephine Philson had her tonsils removed this morning at the County Memorial Hospital. Dr. T. L. Davis of Augusta performed the operation and Josephine is doing fine.

ELEVEN HURT IN WRECK

Street Car in Syracuse Runs Wild and Is Wrecked.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Eleven passengers were seriously injured tonight when a trolley car ran wild down the Walnut avenue hill and was wrecked when it left the rails and crashed against telegraph poles three city blocks from the point where the car got beyond control. A number of other passengers were slightly injured. The accident occurred as a severe rain and electrical storm was passing over the city.

UNION SERVICES.

Union services were held in the Presbyterian church Sunday night. Rev. J. B. Green, D. D., of Columbia preached. There was a large congregation present and Rev. Mr. Green delivered an excellent sermon. He addressed his remarks chiefly to the young married people.

FRANCE REJECTS GERMAN OFFERS

GUARANTEE FROM BERLIN IS NOT SATISFACTORY.—INDEPENDENT MEASURES SEEM CERTAIN TO RESULT FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN PARIS.

Paris, Aug. 26.—Premier Poincare had rejected the eleventh hour guarantees offered by the German government tonight after failure of the reparations commission to obtain in Berlin the basis of a compromise acceptance to France.

In well informed French circles it is considered reasonably certain that the reparations commissions will grant a moratorium for the rest of the year, with the final German proposals as an additional guarantee.

The German proposals handed to the reparations commission just before it left for Paris provide for a contract between the German government and the biggest German industrialists, including Hugo Stinnes, for delivery during the period of a moratorium of products of the Ruhr mines and wood from the state forests. German industry would guarantee faithful delivery and penalties would be enforced against the industrialists in the event the schedule was not lived up to.

Details of the scheme were to be discussed by Germany next week, but the French premier selected the plan today.

The premier's opposition is said to be due to the fact that he believes the scheme made the industrialists more important than the government, and since the business party in Germany is in a position to dictate to the government, refusal to carry out the contract would leave the German government powerless to act, and France would be as bad off as before.

WILL VOTE SOON ON THE BONUS BILL

Unanimous Consent Agreement is Reached for Limitation of Debate at Once.

Washington, Aug. 26.—A unanimous consent agreement to take up the soldiers' bonus bill Monday and push it to a final vote, was entered into today by the senate. With a view to getting a vote late Tuesday it was agreed that after 6 p. m. Monday no senator should speak more than once nor longer than 20 minutes on any amendments. The unanimous consent agreement (Democrat) of Arkansas, but it imposed no limitation on debate on the bill itself. It was suggested, however, that there might be a move to that end later should it prove necessary.

Senator Underwood (Democrat) of Alabama and Senator Borah (Republican) of Idaho said they would offer no objection to speedy action. Senator Underwood gave formal notice that his fight would be against passage of the measure over President Harding's veto in the event it was returned to congress with executive disapproval.

By common understanding the senate did not undertake today to bring to vote any of the several amendments thus far offered. Senator McNary, Republican presented his amendment proposing the reclamation bill as a part of the bonus with preference given veterans in reclamation work and financial assistance for them in developing homestead on the reclaimed lands.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Two cases came up before the Mayor this morning charged with disorderly conduct and were fined \$10 each.

INDUSTRY DEFEATED DECLARES FORD

MOTOR CAR MANUFACTURER ANNOUNCES THAT PLANT MUST CLOSE NEXT MONTH ON ACCOUNT OF FUEL SITUATION, 100,000 OUT OF WORK

Detroit, Aug. 27.—Industry the country over "must throw up its hands in surrender" within a few weeks, if the rail and coal strikes continue, Henry Ford declared today in announcing the decision of the Ford Motor company to close its plants here and in many other cities September 16 because of the fuel situation.

Mr. Ford held financial interests responsible for the industrial tie up, declaring the "money barons" were manipulating the labor unions and the public officials, state and national, were impotent in the crisis.

The strikes would end, he continued, "when the majority of the people are cold and hungry enough to resort to drastic action."

"Continuance of these disturbances to the economic life of the nation is due simply to the greed and avarice of Wall street," Mr. Ford asserted, adding that these interests "dominated the railroads, coal mines and public utilities of the country."

The deadlock in strike negotiations indicated, he declared, the existence of "a plot to unload the demoralized and rundown railroads on the government at their own price and to mulch the people through excessive prices."

Employees of the Ford Motor Company throughout the country to be without jobs after September 16, will number 105,000.

In addition, several hundred thousand other workers employed in industries furnishing materials for the Ford plants will be affected.

Henry Ford gave these figures today in announcing that his three big motor plants located in Detroit suburbs and his assembling plants throughout the country would be closed on that date, because of the coal shortage.

The announcement was the most severe blow that industrial Detroit has sustained since the industrial depression of two years ago. It means according to Mr. Ford, that 75,000 men employed in the Highland Park, River Rouge and Dearborn plants of the company here will be without work. Thirty thousand others now working in the various assembling plants scattered throughout the country also will be thrown out of employment.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

Macon, Ga., Aug. 26.—Central of Georgia railroad officials announced that they were investigating an alleged deliberate attempt to wreck a passenger train from Montgomery this morning at Byron, Ga.

The official report presented by Engineer Bittick, shows that some one placed two large nuts, fastened together with a wooden pin on the guides in front of the crossheads on the left side of the locomotive as the train stopped at Byron. Bittick said that when the locomotive did not start properly he investigated and found the nuts. A similar attempt to wreck a train occurred here a week ago on the bridge over the Ocmulgee river.

DISMISSED FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. L. Young from near the city was dismissed from the Hospital Saturday and has returned to her home.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 22 3/4c on the local market today. Futures closed:
Oct. 22.20
Dec. 22.39
Jan. 22.22
March 22.27